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2. On 14/15 June, the Gentzrode estate (2206) was occupied to capacity by some 800 soldiers wearing black-bordered black and blue-bordered black epaulets including some with engineer insignia. The former sheds were occupied by numerous pontoons and bridge-building and engineer equipment. Six amphibious vehicles, one motorboat, approximately 7 meters long, and some 50 trucks were also seen.
3. On 23/24 June, Lieutenant Colonels Buikovski and Kovalenko were absent from the Fridericus Kaserne in Neuruppin. It appeared that elements of the units were also absent. The quarters of Unit Slobin in the Friedrich-Franz Kaserne (2201) were also less occupied than usual. The billets of Unit Balayev were occupied by only a guard detail. This unit returned on 28 June.
4. On 22 June, Colonel Mamatenko of the Neuruppin division headquarters was observed in Camp Schweinrich at the Wittstock training grounds. The camp was being reconditioned by fatigue details. It appeared that the camp was to be occupied soon by units from Neuruppin. 1

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22 June. At 2100, 12 x 152-mm field howitzers, 8 x 76-mm field guns, about 40 trucks including some with equipment, 2 repair shop trucks, 4 field kitchens and 24 boxcars of soldiers from Olympisches Dorf (2067) in Doeberitz were entrained and left toward the west, allegedly for the Luckenwalde area.

At 2200, approximately 35 trucks were entrained. A few soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were seen with the trucks.

23 June. At 1115, a shipment of 8 light AA guns, presumably 37-mm guns, approximately 20 trucks, 1 field kitchen and, on 3 boxcars, personnel, which had been loaded there, left toward the west.

6. On 20 June. the loading of elements of the brigade from Olympisches Dorf was preceded by an inspection by 4 senior officers of some 600 soldiers and 12 x 152-mm field howitzers. The units marched in review. 2
7. Between 17 and 23 June. increased training was observed at the Doeberitz training grounds. It was learned that 25 to 30 tanks from Loewen Kaserne (2063) in Doeberitz daily left for the training area. Tanks and six-wheel armored personnel carriers mounting guns were predominantly involved in the exercises. The tanks usually advanced in groups of 5 to 8, deployed to the right and left on a special command and fired at full speed at mobile dummy tanks. The tanks were followed by armored personnel carriers with soldiers, who subsequently left the personnel carriers and advanced under armored protection. At other places of the training area, infantry mock attacks were conducted under the protection of heavy machine guns in elevated emplacements. The exercises were conducted under unusually hard conditions. It was repeatedly observed that officers kicked crawling soldiers, apparently because of poor performance. 3

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